

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY  
Intellectual Property Administration  
P. O. Box 272400  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 200206166-1



IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): James J. deBlanc; et al.

Confirmation No.: 9663

Application No.: 10/646,512

Examiner: Ullah, Akm E.

Filing Date: Aug 23, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2874

Title: Methods and Apparatus for Selectively Coupling Optical Paths

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on Sep 01, 2005, on the above-identified U.S. Patent application, a shortened statutory period of 3 months was set for response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby request(s) a:

( ) one month  
(X) two months **(paid by separate enclosed check)**  
( ) three months  
( ) four months

time extension so that the period for response to the Office Action expires on Feb 01, 2006. Authorization to charge the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account 08-2025 appears in the enclosed transmittal letter. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as:

(X) First Class Mail  
( ) "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10.  
"Express Mail" label no.

in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: Feb 01, 2006

Typed Name: William D. Davis

Signature: William D. Davis

Respectfully submitted,

James J. deBlanc; et al.

By William D. Davis

William D. Davis

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 38,428

Date: Feb 01, 2006

Telephone No.: (512) 858-9910